

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8522

Petition of Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC"), for)
approval of Amendment No. 1 to a Power Purchase Agreement)
between VEC and NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC ("NextEra"),)
regarding the purchase of up to 10 MW of capacity from NextEra)
commencing 6/1/18 through 12/31/34)

Order entered: 7/7/2015

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

I convened a prehearing conference in this Docket on June 26, 2015. Appearances were entered by Timothy Duggan, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"),¹ and Victoria Brown, Esq. for Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC").

After a discussion of scheduling issues, the Department requested a brief opportunity to file its recommendation on whether a public hearing was warranted in this proceeding. On June 30, 2015, the Department notified the Clerk of the Public Service Board that, given the circumstances of this particular case, it did not believe a public hearing was necessary.² Based on the agreement of the parties, I am establishing the following schedule for this proceeding.

DATE	EVENT
July 2, 2015	Response to VEC's Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement and Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence
July 13, 2015	Deadline for Intervention Motions
July 16, 2015	Responses to Intervention Motions

1. Attorney Duggan was joined by the Department's Law Clerk, Jeannie Oliver. Ms. Oliver expects to receive her license to practice law in Vermont in the near future and will likely assume primary representation of the Department in this matter at that time.

2. Letter from Timothy M. Duggan, Esq., to Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board, dated June 30, 2015.

DATE	EVENT
July 23, 2015	Discovery on VEC
July 30, 2015	VEC Discovery Responses Due
August 6, 2016	Parties file Stipulation with Proposal for Decision (if no stipulation reached, non-Petitioners file prefiled testimony and exhibits, and schedule may need to be extended to allow VEC discovery on non-petitioners).
Week of August 17, 2015	Technical Hearing
August 24, 2015	Revised Proposal for Decision, if necessary

I am cognizant of the fact that the contract amendment being considered in this proceeding requires VEC to obtain Board approval no later than August 31, 2015. A review of the jointly proposed schedule indicates that this will be difficult to achieve. Accordingly, if the parties do manage to reach an agreement and file a stipulation along with a draft Proposal for Decision for my consideration, I encourage the parties to be as accurate and complete as possible in their draft Proposal for Decision, and to follow the format of a recent Board Order reviewing a proposed contract under Section 248.

Parties must submit an original and three copies of filings with the Board, with the exception of discovery requests and responses, where only one copy needs to be filed. In addition, parties are requested to submit all materials via e-mail to the Clerk of the Board at psb.clerk@state.vt.us. Documents submitted in .pdf format should be in an "unlocked" format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 7th day of July, 2015.

s/John J. Cotter

John J. Cotter, Esq.
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 7, 2015

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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